





CLARKE HANGED.

Great Excitement at Dawson, Ga., Over the Hanging of the Colored Ravisher.

Troops En-route to Prevent a Rescue Thrown From the Track—Their Timely Arrival.

Eighteen Such Crimes as That For Which Clarke Suffered Enacted During One Year in Georgia.

Dawson, Ga., August 26.—Yesterday the execution of George Clarke, a colored man of eighteen years of age, for an outrageous assault upon his employer's wife, was witnessed by a vast throng. Since the first of April there have been eighteen such assaults upon white women in Georgia by negro men. Two of the men have been lynched, one executed by process of law, three are awaiting trial and the others have escaped. Notwithstanding the enormity of the crime for which George Clarke was executed, the colored people took it into their heads that the manner of his conviction was a disgrace to the state and they were intensely interested in the trial, and when sentence was pronounced they assembled in little groups and discussed the case as though Clarke was a martyr, dying on account of his color, strange as it may seem, one of the strongest points of grievance to the colored people was that Clarke was sentenced to be executed on Monday instead of the traditional Friday.

Change of day looked like a crookedness to them. It was not until Saturday evening, however, that the alarm took such shape as to demand notice. The negroes were assembling on the outskirts of the town and it was asserted that during the night an attack would be made upon the jail. Mayor Cheatham at a late hour telegraphed Governor McDaniel at Atlanta for troops. To answer the Governor's order that the military company nearest Dawson was to proceed there and preserve order. In consequence, Captain Woolfolk, of the Albany Guards, who also figured in the suppression of the late Atlanta riot, was ordered to proceed at once to Dawson. In the meantime, reports that the military were coming openly talked of killing any white man who caused one of their own color to be shot. The Albany company failed to arrive at the expected time, and it began to look as if the negroes would have their own way. It was not until a little while before the execution that the military arrived. The train had been wrecked near Albany, evidently by accomplices of the Dawson negroes. The damage to rolling stock and tracks is considerable, but none of the injuries received by the military will, it is thought, result seriously. They built campfires and passed the night as best they could, until a train came along on which they could proceed. They did not reach Dawson until eight o'clock in the morning. Their arrival, with bayonets fixed, drew out many negroes from the negro leaders, who found they had been foiled. One or two bricks were thrown, but before the military had gained any advantage, a report that the military were about to open fire flow through the throng, and the entire crowd stampeded in a panic, many being trampled and footed under the wheels. At twelve o'clock Clarke was taken from his cell, and under escort of the troops marched to an open field at the rear of the jail, and at 12:30 o'clock he was hanged in the presence of 6,000 or 7,000 spectators without any opposing demonstration of any sort. The throng slowly retreated to the negro quarters. The negroes now propose to give Clarke a public funeral, and drive them, their wives and children, from the State of their birth or adoption.

The indications of a general break-up in the Democratic party in the South are so decided as to warrant the prophecy that it will come at the next election, but the sugar planters of Louisiana give no uncertain sound. The Democratic party of the future, if there is to be any Democratic party, will have to be mixed by a new receipt, with a good deal of tariff in it.

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Brutal Outrage On a Young Lady at Fredericksburg, Va.—More Lynching Probable.

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